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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NATO INFO OTTAWA PARIS BEBRUARY 7,
FROM SECSTATE REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE:

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SUBJECT: NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT (NMPA)

REF: USNATO 650

WE DO NOT WSANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH LETTER, AND BELIEVE IT SOULD BE SENT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND NOT ON BEHALF OF REPRESENTATIVES, IF AT ALL. IN ANY CASE, IF LETTER IS SENT, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE CORRECTED:

(1) IN PARA 3, STATEMENT THAT THEMODERNIZED NMPA " SHOULD SATISFY CANADIAN OPERATION REQUIREMENTS" SHOULD BE DELETED OR MODIFIED, BECAUSE INASMUCH AS PROPOSED LETTER ALSO REQUESTS THAT AN ENSEMBLE OF THE DOCUMENTS BE MADE AVAILABLE, IT IS APPARENT THAT REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT KNOWN TO COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME, AND THAT STATEMENT IS THUS AT LEAST PREMATURE.

(2) PARA 3 OF PROPOSED LETTER ALSO STATES... " THIS AIRCRAFT SELECTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE NATO COUNCIL ON JANUARY 30, 1959 AS THE BASIS FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF THE ALLIANCE' S ANTI- SUBMARINE FORCES..." THIS IS IN ERROR.
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THE NMPA WAS SELECTED UNANIMOUSLY AS THE AIRCRAFT TO BE JOINTLY DEVELOPED AND PRODUCED BY THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE NMPA CONSORTIUM AND FOR EQUIPPING THE ASW FORCES OF THOSE COUNTRIES. NEITHER THE US (WITH THE P38) NOR CANADA (WITH ARGUS) HAS SELECTED TO USE THE NMPA. GDS. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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